anaesthesia has been organised at New Delhi on 22nd November, 1994;

(b) if so, details thereof with background for organising the same;

(c) whether Government propose to conduct a study of these newer techniques for introduction in Government Hospitals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A workshop on newer techniques in spinal and epidural anaesthesia was organised at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital under the aegis of Indian Society of Anaesthesia, Delhi Branch on 22nd November, 1994.

(c) and (d) Recommendations of the Workshop have not been received.

Treatment for hair problems

1170. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of many private Hair Treatments which are being advertised daily in several Magazines|Newspapers;

(b) whether these advertisements fully guarantee the treatment of early fall of hair, grayness and re-growth of hair on bald heads;

(c) if so, what are the facts of these advertisements;

(d) whether such treatments have been tried in Government Laboratories;

(e) whether these treatments have been approved by Government; and

(f) if so, details thereof with reasons for not introducing the same in Government Hospitals and if not, action proposed to be taken against those cheating the people through illegal treatments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The advertisements *inter-alia* claim that application of their products stimulates hair growth, stops thinning and falling of hair and keeps hair dandruff free without any side effects.

(d) and (e) No, Sir.

(f) Government have no proposal to introduce such treatments in Government Hospitals. Any person taking part in publication of any advertisements for the diagnosis, cure, treatment of any disease, disorder or condition specified in Schedule to Drugs and Magic Ramedies (Objectional Advertisements) Act, 1954 is liable to be prosecuted under the provisions of this Act and Rules thereunder. However, early fall of hair, greyness and re-growth of hair on bald heads are not covered in the Schedule to the Act.

Investment for research and development in the indigenous systems of medicine

1171. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI:

SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the sectorwise investment for research and development in Allopathy

Homoeopathy, Ayurvedic, Unani and other indigenous systems of medicine in the last three years.

(b) whether the Ministry has evolved and projected for such investments in the next three years; and

(c) whether the Ministry is aware of the possibilities which can be explored for off-setting the adverse impact on the drug prices in the country in the post-GATT scenario by further promoting the indigenous systems of medicine?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) The sector-wise investment made for Research and Development in Allopathy, Homoeopathy, Ayurved, Unani, Naturopathy and Siddha in the last three years is as follows:

(Rs. in lakhs)

	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
Allopathy	2797.72	3227.95	3453.29
Homoeopathy	232.58	27.09	303.32
Ayuveda & Siddha	771.57	839.90	889.84
Unani	342.29	456.78	438.65
Yoga & Nathuropathy	68.78	57.37	67.58
ICMS (ISM)	85.90	87.94	93.90

The Government have decided to promot research in each of the indigenous system of medicine in the next three years primarily through the setting up a new Department of Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy (ISM&H) in the Country, Greater emphasis by increase allocation of resources for research is proposed in the coming years by upgrading the research institutions for ISM like CCRAS, CCRUM, CCRY and CCRH. Research would also be based on cooperative effort between bodies like ICMR, NIMHANS and ISM research bodies.

(c) While promotion of indigenous system of medicine and availability of drugs under this system are going to be given a boost in the coming years it is not expected that there would be an adverse impact on the prices of drugs which are currently in the market in the context of GATT.

Conference on Plague

1172. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received the detailed report of the conference 'Plague Vision 94' of prominent doctors, organised by Indian Medical Association;